REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	Hawk August 2005
Other Known Title:	Hawk Magazine Vol 14 No. 7
Format:	Magazine
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Killer Joe Productions
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Distributor:	Not Stated
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
Date of entry in Register:	17 February 2006
Date of direction to issue a label:	Not Applicable
OFLC No:	501975
Excisions:	Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons
for classification:

The magazine *Hawk August 2005* is classified as
Objectionable.

The magazine is objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The magazine's main content is explicit photographs of nude teenage women displaying their bodies and particularly their breasts, buttocks and genitals, for reader titillation and sexual arousal. There is a consistent focus on the sexual availability of young persons throughout. Although not all of the teenage models are presented as being underage, there are frequent images of teenagers who do present as being young persons. Numerous other parts of the magazine combine to reinforce and legitimise the idea of the sexual availability of young persons to adult male readers, and encourage that interest in readers. As a result the magazine is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The 'objectionable' classification interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are banned. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that tend to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.